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HENRY PHILLIPS.

1836--1917.

Judge Henry Phillips passed away at his home in Beardstown, Illinois, Sunday morning, November 11, 1917, after an illness of several years. He was past 81 years of age.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Methodist Church. Rev. A. L. Caseley preached the sermon. Other services were in charge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Grand Lodge officers took charge of the ceremonies. The Bar Association of Cass County acted as pallbearers.

Henry Phillips was born in Halifax, N. S., September 17, 1836, a son of Michael Phillips, a native of Ireland. He had the misfortune to lose his mother at his birth. When still in his infancy his father, who was a shoemaker by trade, moved to New York City, where he lived until 1842, at which time he went to Rochester, New York. After three years he located in Orleans County, New York, where Henry received his early educational training. The youth later attended Yates Academy, and when 16 years of age began teaching public school.

In 1853 he came to Hardin County, Illinois, where for six months he taught school, and for six months more taught school at Pittsfield. Still later he went to Adams County and became a preacher, so continuing for two years. Being attracted to Cass County, he located at Virginia and taught during the winter months until the fall of 1860, when he was elected circuit clerk of the county, serving eight years.

He then moved to Beardstown, which was then the county seat, and began the practice of law, taking Garland Pollard as a partner. In 1880 he was elected county judge of Cass County and served for eight years.

In politics Judge Phillips was a Democrat, and was honored by that party twice by being chosen as presidential elector, once when Grover Cleveland was elected, and the second time when William Jennings Bryan was defeated by

Theodore Roosevelt. In his early days he was much in demand as a campaign orator, and his ready wit always assured a crowd when it was known he was to be the speaker.

Judge Phillips became a member of the Illinois State Historical Society soon after the society was organized. He always enjoyed the publications of the society and took an active interest in all of its activities.

Henry Phillips was married to Adeline Pollard, a native of Vermont, who died February 2, 1877. To this marriage the following children were born: Henry G., who is deceased; Jennie, who is now Mrs. Parker, a widow residing in Chicago; and Mary and Grace, both of whom are dead.

On October 18, 1877, he was married to Emma E. Burrows, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of James H. and Nancy (Lynchard) Burrows. To this marriage the following children were born: Henry, who died in infancy; Edward O., political writer for the Chicago Tribune; Charles, at home; James of Goldfield, Nevada, and Robert, who is employed in the Secretary of State's office in Springfield.